

One Hundred Third Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

Concurrent Resolution

Whereas there is significant widespread support in the international community for the view that for scientific, ecological, and educational reasons, whales should no longer be hunted for profit; Whereas there is concern that efforts will be made at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission to overturn the Commission's existing moratorium on commercial whaling of large whales;

Whereas there are species of small cetaceans that are currently subject to direct commercial harvest;

Whereas there are unique regions of the world's seas which serve as important feeding grounds for many species of whales, and where the impacts of environmental threats are unknown: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—*

(1) the United States policy should promote the conservation and protection of whale, dolphin, and porpoise populations;

(2) the United States should remain opposed to any resumption of commercial whaling, and should work toward a moratorium on the direct commercial harvest of dolphins and porpoises;

(3) the United States should work to strengthen the International Whaling Commission by reaffirming its competence to regulate direct commercial harvest of small cetaceans and should encourage the Commission to consider the expertise of its Scientific Committee;

(4) the United States should support the establishment of appropriate international sanctuaries where whaling is prohibited; and

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(5) in promoting the conservation and protection of the world's whale populations, the United States should make the fullest use of diplomatic channels, appropriate domestic and international law, and all other available means.

Attest:

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*